

under the group benefits program shall be paid into the employees life, accident, and health insurance and benefits fund and shall be used by the board of trustees to provide those coverages as provided by this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 509.011(a-1), Government Code, and Section 1551.322, Insurance Code, are repealed.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act relating to the death of peace officers employed by certain private institutions of higher education located in this state applies only in relation to a death that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Matters regarding eligibility, payment, and benefits under Chapter 615, Government Code, in relation to a death that occurs before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect when the death occurs, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2017: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1526 on May 19, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER LOSS AUDITORS

CHAPTER 347

H.B. No. 1573

AN ACT

relating to personnel requirements for water loss auditors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 16.0121, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) *The board by rule shall require the audits required by Subsections (b) and (b-1) to be completed by a person trained to conduct water loss auditing.*

(j) *The board shall make training on water loss auditing available without charge from the board's website. The board may provide training in person or by video or a functionally similar and widely available medium. Training provided under this subsection must include comprehensive knowledge of water utility systems and terminology and any tools available for analyzing audit results. In creating training materials, the board may consider other organizations' training programs.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.